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SINO-INDIAN BORDER DISPUTE

- I. Tension between India and Communist China has hit new peak as result of clash last week in Ladakh area of Kashmir.
- II. Indian press and political groups of all hues except Communist have reacted heatedly, lambasting Nehru's policy and demanding firmer measures against Chinese incursions.
- 25X1 III.  Nehru and his cabinet are considering withdrawing the Indian ambassador from Peiping in the event of another such incident.
- IV. At very least, effect of this latest incident and the exchange of protests will probably be to stiffen positions and put any negotiations farther into future.

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